

**My Neighbor's Voice at Mepkin Abbey:
Listening, Loving, Acting Together**
An Online Event with Mary Ann Inglis & Victoria Chance
April 10, 2021 10:00 am-Noon Eastern Time

Join Mary Anne Inglis and Victoria Chance as they present My Neighbor's Voice (MNV) to the Mepkin Community. My Neighbor's Voice has been working tirelessly since 2017 to bring all community voices together in a place of deep welcome and hospitality. Using our universal community questions to guide the dialogue, each participant is given three minutes to answer a selected question. The next person answers a new question, and these range from "what does 'liberty and justice for all' mean to you?" or "What are your ideas about Universal Healthcare?" to "What value do our public libraries serve?" Our certified MNV moderators ensure every voice and story is heard and held with respect without commentary or challenge. We just get to listen because listening is a generous and powerful act.

We have learned that listening to our neighbor's voice is a concrete act of love and welcome; an act that all good people of faith are compelled to practice: loving your neighbor as yourself. You are invited to come and share your voice with us.

In 2016, two great friends **Victoria Chance** and **Mary Anne Inglis** had a conversation: As teachers, they were worried that the lack of civil dialogue was tearing America apart, and they agreed to work together to find a solution. The result of that conversation is My Neighbor's Voice (MNV), a nonprofit first established in Greenville, SC. In 2019, they were presented the Peacemaker Award from the Upstate Mediation Center for their work in bringing people together for the common good through MNV.

After many years as a teacher in public schools in Pickens and Travelers Rest South Carolina, **Victoria Chance**, President of My Neighbor's Voice, devotes most of her time to her nonprofit work. Ms. Chance received her BA in English from Furman University in Greenville, SC and her Masters in Contemplative Education at Naropa University in Boulder, CO. She is a member of St James Episcopal Church. She is also a gardener, a Yoga teacher, and is married to Potter Bob. Together they have two children, and two stupendous granddaughters.

Mary Anne Inglis currently teaches English as a Second Language. Previously, she managed her husband, Bob Inglis' political campaigns for the SC-4 Congressional District. She graduated from Duke University with a degree in International Relations. She is a member of St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church and a board member of A Rocha USA, a Christian conservation organization engaged in ecological awareness and habitat improvement. She and her husband live on a small farm and enjoy tending the farm, biking, hiking, and visiting their five adult children and their families.